



2014 Nature and Wildlife Photography Contest

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

Contest Guidelines



The 2014 Parker River National Wildlife Refuge *Nature and Wildlife Photography Contest* is co-sponsored by the refuge, the Photographic Society of Parker River NWR, and Hunt's Photo. The following guidelines provide all the information needed to successfully enter the contest:

1. Two categories:
 - a. Wildlife
 - b. Landscapes and Seascapes
 - i. Note: Macro or close-up images of plants will be judged within this category
2. Three competitive classes:
 - a. Adult – using a “point and shoot” camera
 - b. Adult – using a DSLR (e.g., camera with interchangeable lenses)
 - c. Junior – using either a “point and shoot” or DSLR
 - d. Note: Adult is defined as age 18 or older
3. Only matted prints will be accepted (no electronic files), per the following criteria:
 - a. Maximum print size is 8” x 10” (portrait or landscape orientation).
 - b. Each print must have a white matte.
 - c. Matted prints should NOT be wrapped in plastic.
4. An individual may submit a total of two prints (irrespective of the number of categories).
5. Contest photographs must have been taken within the boundaries of any of the following **national wildlife refuges**: Parker River (including Sandy Point State Reservation), Wapack, Great Bay, Thacher Island, Great Meadows, Assabet River, Oxbow, Monomoy, Nantucket, and Rachel Carson.
6. There is a \$5.00 contest registration fee. The application fee covers one or both submissions. **Cash only.**
7. No more than 20% of the photograph’s frame should be comprised of something that is non-nature (e.g., people, domestic animals, manmade infrastructure).
8. Prints will be accepted from Monday, July 21st through Friday, October 4th (inclusive). Prints can be dropped off at the refuge visitor center seven days per week, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The visitor center is located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA.
9. A panel of judges will carefully review all submitted artwork and determine the contest winners during the refuge’s annual **Phabulous Photo Weekend** (October 17th – 19th). The judging panel will be comprised of refuge staff and experienced nature photographers.
10. Contest winners will be announced during a public presentation on Sunday afternoon, October 19th at the refuge visitor center in Newburyport, MA. Contest prizes, in the form of gift cards, will be provided by Hunt's Photo!
11. Winning entries will also be incorporated in a slide show to be hosted on the refuge’s new web site.
12. Non-winning prints must be picked up at the refuge visitor center no later than Thanksgiving. Unclaimed prints will be disposed of after that.
13. **Contest submissions must have the following information printed neatly on the BACK SIDE of the print:**

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| • Title of Image: | • Name of refuge where image was taken |
| • Category: (<i>Landscape or Wildlife</i>) | • Name of Photographer |
| • Age Class: (<i>Adult or Junior</i>) | • Email Address |
| • Type of Camera: (<i>“Point & Shoot” or DSLR</i>) | • Telephone number |